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PREVENTION OF BEAR ACCESS TO GARBAGE

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1. In Section 8.16.010, Definitions, is expanded to include:

“Approved bear-resistant garbage can enclosure” is a secured enclosure, made of metal or equivalent, with a secured door or doors in front of the enclosure, or equivalent, whose design has been determined by Placer County Environmental Health to be sturdy, weather resistant, and making the contents of the garbage can enclosure inaccessible to bears. A list of approved bear-resistant garbage can enclosures shall be available to the public at the Tahoe offices of Placer County Environmental Health and Placer County Building Department.

“New residential construction” shall mean creating a new residential unit and/or guest quarters, as well as additions greater than 500 square feet to existing residential buildings. Square footage of residential garages shall not be included in the calculation of square footage.

2. New Division III, Prevention of Bear Access to Garbage, is added to Article 8.16. This division now reads as follows:

8.16.264 Applicability

This Division shall apply in those portions of Placer County 5,000 feet above sea level and higher in elevation. All persons affected by this Division shall have one hundred eighty (180) days after its effective date to comply with the provisions contained herein.

8.16.266 Garbage Can Enclosure

A. The owner, lessee, resident or person exercising physical control of any private property, including businesses, shall install approved bear-resistant garbage can enclosures in either of the following circumstances:

1. Prior to final and/or occupancy approval for all new residential construction.

2. Within 30 days of notification by Placer County Environmental Health that installation of an approved bear resistant garbage enclosure is required because garbage collection and/or storage site has been inspected and determined to be a bear access problem by Placer County Environmental Health Services or another agent or organization approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

B. Notwithstanding the time frames specified herein, installation of bear resistant garbage can enclosures may be delayed because of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency requirements or frozen ground conditions.

C. Bear-resistant garbage enclosures shall be located in an accessible location for garbage pickup using one of the following locational standards:

1. Prefabricated Enclosures from List of Approved Bear-Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures shall be located:

(a) On the parcel between the residence and the county-maintained road so as to provide, where possible, a minimum separation of 50 feet between the residence and the enclosure. Where such a separation cannot be maintained due to parcel size or site constraints, the enclosure will be located so as to maximize said separation.

(b) Outside of the road right-of-way, snow storage area, and line-of-sight, except as otherwise approved by the Placer County Director of Public Works.

2. Integral Design Option Enclosures shall be located:

In the location and under the conditions described for the "Integral Enclosure Design Option" specified on the "List of Approved Bear-Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures."

3. 8.16.268 Use and Maintenance of Bear Resistant Garbage Can Enclosures

A. The owner, lessee, resident or person exercising physical control of any private property, including businesses, shall at all times maintain and use an approved bear-resistant garbage can enclosure for the collection, storage, and disposal of garbage when required to do so by this Division.

B. Each bear-resistant garbage can enclosure and surrounding area shall be maintained in a manner to minimize odor and/or nuisance.

C. Doors, or equivalent, shall not be opened or removed from bear-resistant enclosures except when necessary to place garbage cans inside or to remove the garbage cans from the bear-resistant enclosure.

D. The bear-resistant garbage can enclosure shall not be overloaded to the extent the enclosure cannot be securely closed.